Indo-Pak Talks

230. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Pak talks have been held recently at various levels;

(b) if so, the issues that figured in the talks; and

(c) the outcome of such talks at each level?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These discussions have covered the entire gamut of bilateral relations.

(c) During the four rounds of talks between the Foreign Secretaries, agreements were reached on several confidence building measures such as:

(i) Advance Notice on Military Exercises, Maneouvres and Troop Movement, and

(ii) Prevention of Airspace Violation and Permitting Over-flights and Landings by Military Aircrafts. It was also decided to commence discussions on several pending issues. It was pointed out to Pakistan that the crux of the present problems in bilateral relations was its support to terrorism directed against India in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir. Further discussions are scheduled on other confidence building measures, and the need to establish a cooperative, tension free relationship on the basis of the Simla Agreement.

Naxalite activities in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa

231. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing naxalite activities in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa during the last six months;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to curb such activities;

(c) whether the concerned State Governments have sought the Central help; and

(d) if so, what steps the Central Government have taken so far to put an end to such activities in those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The policy of the government is to deal firmly with the extremist elements in the country and simultaneously step up socio-economic development in the affected areas, to redress the genuine grievances of the local people. The Central Government is rendering all possible assistance to the affected States.

A request was received from the State Govt. of Orissa for financial assistance for the socio-economic development of the left wing extremist affected areas in the State. This was examined in consultataion with the Planning Commission and the State Government was subsequently advised to meet the cost of implementing the plan from their normal Plan outlay as approved and finalised by the Planning Commission. Similarly, requests were received from the State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh for additional para-military forces and weapons. A few companies of Central para-military forces and weapons have been provided to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

देश में नक्सलवादी-प्रवण क्षेत्र

232. डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस समय देश के किन-किन भागों में नक्सलवादी सक्रिय हैं;